

**Town of Webster
Office of Select Board
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303**

Select Board Meeting – January 12, 2015 – Work Session

4:00 pm Select Board present: Chairman Roy Fanjoy, Selectman Bruce Johnson and Selectman Roger Becker, Police Chief Robert Dupuis, Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham and Administrative Assistant Judith Jones.

Selectman Johnson was Acting Chairman at this meeting as requested by Chairman Fanjoy.

The Board signed or discussed the following:

- Two Intents to Cut: Robert Pettingill – Map 3-86 and Gerald Courser – Map 1-14
- Per request Attorney Bart Mayer reviewed the Public Safety Building Contract. After reading his response the Board requested that Mrs. Pinkham look into the fire insurance for the building as noted.
- The Board signed PO #1. Acting Chairman Johnson made a motion to withdraw \$2,620 for a 1 HP well pump replacement/labor and service call in the amount of \$2,620 from account #780193454 for Capital Well Company, Inc.; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.
- Chairman Fanjoy and Mrs. Pinkham signed the letter of Understanding to Plodzick and Sanderson for the 2014 Audit.

The Board then continued work on the proposed 2015 budget. Mrs. Pinkham provided two budgets for review with different pay rates for payroll. There was another chart provided showing pay increases from 2008 through the proposed 2015 budget, which was reviewed by the Board. Payroll lines were reviewed individually and a lengthy discussion ensued. Mrs. Pinkham will contact Library Trustee Marty Bender regarding the Librarian's salary based on the Board's decision tonight.

There was discussion on the recent increase in Unitil's Electric rates starting in January. Selectman Becker calculated the residential increase to be approximately 70%. However, the bill received in January for the Town Hall actually showed a slight decrease. Changes were made in the proposed budget to reflect the anticipated increase. However, the Board wanted to review the next few months' bills and if possible, increase the electricity lines based on usage for the Town Hall and Public Safety Building.

Mrs. Jones advised that Cross Country Appraisal, out of loyalty to the Town, was not going to increase the cost of Webster's assessing contract signed previously, which was originally proposed as a tri-town contract to include Salisbury and Andover with a considerable savings. It is believed that Andover chose a different assessing firm and that Salisbury has chosen Cross Country.

The Board continued to review and make adjustments throughout the proposed budget.

There will be two articles proposed to change the purpose of the following Capital Reserve accounts: Softball Field to Webster Youth Sports Softball or Soccer Field and the Bridge Improvements to Bridge Improvements and any other related construction needs related thereto. These Warrant Articles will require a 2/3 hand count.

5:32 pm Selectman Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.

Roy E. Fanjoy, Chairman
SB/ jj

Bruce G. Johnson

Roger A. Becker

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